



## Nevada GEAR UP

**Subgrantee:** Clark County School District  
**Name of School:** William E. Orr Middle School  
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**# of students:** 366

The Assistant Principal and the seventh grade counselor will be responsible for the GEAR UP program at the school site. The school will target sixty (60) seventh grade students will be placed in Accelerated Math with a 20:1 student-teacher ratio in order to prepare the students to take Algebra in the eighth grade. Students who have failed the seventh grade will also be targeted through the Orr Academy Program.

**Academic Enrichment:** Academic enrichment will stem from the increased number of students enrolled in Accelerated Math 7 and in the “Failure is Not an Option” program. “Failure is Not an Option” will be offered after school and on Saturdays.

**Professional Development:** Math teachers will attend the district training in Algebra for eighth graders. Teachers will also attend inservice training on the GEAR UP program.

**Parent Involvement:** Parents of seventh grade students will be invited to several parent breakfasts and dinners to discuss the GEAR UP program and to gain information on post-secondary educational options for their children.

**Support System:** A seventh grade career counselor and a clerk will be hired to support the GEAR UP program. It is desirable for the clerk to be bilingual in order to communicate program activities to both parents and students.

**Tutoring/Mentoring:** One-on-one tutoring with mentors from UNLV, guest speakers, and field trips will be an integral part of the program.